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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 6217

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SUBJECT: AIDE OF FORMER RVN PRESIDENT THIEU DISAPPEARS
AT AIRPORT

REF: TAIPEI 6177

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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, P.L. NGUYEN, AN AIDE OF FORMER RVN PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU, DISAPPEARED FROM THE TAIPEI AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 19 AFTER CHECKING IN WITH PRESIDENT THIEU'S PARTY. NGUYEN, WHO WAS CARRYING A BRIEF-CASE REPORTEDLY CONTAINING MRS. THIEU'S PASSPORT, SEVERAL BRITISH AND HONG KONG CHECKBOOKS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, WAS TO HAVE ACCOMPANIED THIEU ON HIS TRIP TO LONDON.

2. APPREHENDED BY THE POLICE ON SEPTEMBER 21, NGUYEN, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, "SURRENDERED THE BRIEFCASE TO THE POLICE AND TOLD THEM THAT HE HAD ALWAYS WANTED TO LEAVE THIEU BUT JUST COULD NOT TELL IT TO HIS FACE. HE HAD
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DECIDED TO SLIP AWAY AT THE LAST MINUTE".

3. THE LOCAL POLICE REPORTEDLY ARE TRYING TO CONTACT THIEU IN LONDON TO FIND OUT IF ANYTHING IS MISSING FROM THE BRIEFCASE. NGUYEN, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, WAS TURNED OVER TO NGUYEN VAN KIEU, THIEU'S BROTHER AND FORMER RVN AMBASSADOR TO THE ROC.
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4. COMMENT. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE REPORTS CARRIED IN THE PRESS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT. (THE P.L. NGUYEN OF THE REPORTS IS APPARENTLY CAPT. NGUYEN PHU LAM, A MEMBER OF THIEU'S ORIGINAL PARTY.) END CONFIDENTIAL.
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